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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the very thorough consideration given the present application.

Claims 3-8 and 12-16 are now present in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2 and 9-11 are canceled without prejudice, and claims 4, 5, 6 and 8 have been amended. No new matter is involved.

Reconsideration of this application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Drawings

Applicant thanks the Examiner for accepting the drawings filed on February 7, 2006.

Correction of USPTO's Records Regarding Applicant's Name

The Filing Receipt for this application, dated June 13, 2006, misspells Applicant's first name. Applicant's correct name, which appears on the Declaration filed in this application, is "Takahisa Hikida." Unfortunately, both the Filing Receipt and the first Office Action on the merits misspell Applicant's first name as "Takashisa," by inadvertently adding an additional "s" in the middle of the name.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner take the necessary steps to ensure that the Office correct its electronic database, and future Office Actions, to reflect Applicant's correct name, which is Takahisa Hikida, and to prepare and mail to Applicant, a corrected Filing Receipt.

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Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 102/§103

Claims 1, 2, 6-11, 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by WO 02/48456 to Watanabe et al. ("Watanabe") or in the alternative, under 35 USC §103 as being unpatentable over Watanabe. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

This rejection is moot with respect to claims 1, 2 and 9-11, which have been canceled.

This rejection is without merit with respect to claims 6-8, 15 and 16, however, because claims 6 and 8 have been amended to depend from claim 3, which has been allowed, claim 7 depends via claim 6 from allowed claim 3, and claims 15 and 16 depend from claims 6 and 7, respectively, which depend from allowed claim 3.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of claims 1, 2, 6-11, 15 and 16 are respectfully requested.

Claims 5 and 14 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over WO 02/48456 to Watanabe in view of U.S. Patent 6,736,939 to Watanabe. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

This rejection is traversed because claim 5 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 3, and because claim 14 depends, via amended claim 5, from claim 3.

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection of claims 5 and 14 are respectfully requested.

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Allowed Subject Matter

The Examiner states that claims 3, 4, 12 and 13 are allowed.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding rejections and that they be withdrawn. **Applicant also respectfully requests that USPTO records be corrected to reflect Applicant's correct name, that any future Office Actions include Applicant's correct name, and that a corrected filing receipt be prepared and mailed.**

It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone Robert J. Webster, Registration No. 46, 472, at (703) 205-8000, in the Washington, D.C. area.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

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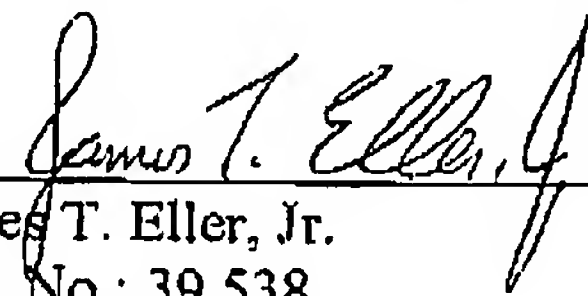
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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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